

Barbara L. McQuade, of Michigan, to be United States Attorney for the Eastern District of Michigan for the term of four years.

James L. Santelle, of Wisconsin, to be United States Attorney for the Eastern District of Wisconsin for the term of four years.

Christopher A. Crofts, of Wyoming, to be United States Attorney for the District of Wyoming for the term of four years.

#### NOMINATIONS PLACED ON THE SECRETARY'S DESK

##### IN THE COAST GUARD

PN1186 COAST GUARD nomination of Andrew G. Liske, which was received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record of November 17, 2009.

PN1263 COAST GUARD nomination of Robert A. Moomaw, which was received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record of December 9, 2009.

##### FOREIGN SERVICE

PN1009-1 FOREIGN SERVICE nominations (152) beginning Christopher William Dell, and ending Mark J. Steakley, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record of September 24, 2009.

PN1017-1 FOREIGN SERVICE nominations (27) beginning Carleene H. Dei, and ending Robert E. Wuertz, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record of September 25, 2009.

PN1157 FOREIGN SERVICE nominations (277) beginning Jeffrey D. Adler, and ending Conrad William Turner, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record of November 9, 2009.

#### NATIONAL OCEANIC AND ATMOSPHERIC ADMINISTRATION

PN1262 NATIONAL OCEANIC AND ATMOSPHERIC ADMINISTRATION nominations (16) beginning KEITH E. TUCKER, and ending JASON P.R. WILSON, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record of December 9, 2009.

#### AMENDMENT NO. 3298—H.R. 3590

Mr. CARDIN. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the title amendment No. 3298, which is at the desk, be considered and agreed to, and the motion to reconsider be laid upon the table.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

The amendment (No. 3298) was agreed to, as follows:

Amend the title so as to read "An act entitled The Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act".

#### ORDER FOR PRINTING—H.R. 3590

Mr. CARDIN. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that H.R. 3590, as amended, be printed.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

#### ORDER FOR APPOINTMENTS AUTHORITY

Mr. CARDIN. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that notwithstanding the upcoming recess or adjournment of the Senate, the President of the Senate, the President pro tempore, and the majority and minority leaders be authorized to make appointments to commissions, committees,

boards, conferences, or interparliamentary conferences authorized by law, by concurrent action of the two Houses or by order of the Senate.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

#### MEASURES READ THE FIRST TIME—H.R. 3961 and H.R. 4154

Mr. CARDIN. Mr. President, I understand there are two bills at the desk, and I ask for their first reading en bloc.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The clerk report the bills by title.

The assistant legislative clerk read as follows:

A bill (H.R. 3961) to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to reform the Medicare SGR payment system for physicians and to reinstitute and update the Pay-As-You-Go requirement of budget neutrality on new tax and mandatory spending legislation, enforced by the threat of annual, automatic sequestration.

A bill (H.R. 4154) to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to repeal the new carryover basis rules in order to prevent tax increases and the imposition of compliance burdens on many more estates than would benefit from repeal, to retain the estate tax with a \$3,500,000 exemption, to reinstitute and update the Pay-As-You-Go requirement of budget neutrality on new tax and mandatory spending legislation, enforced by the threat of annual, automatic sequestration, and for other purposes.

Mr. CARDIN. I now ask for a second reading en bloc, and I object to my own request en bloc.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Objection is heard. The bills will have their second reading on the next legislative day.

#### PROVIDING FOR THE SINE DIE ADJOURNMENT OF THE FIRST SESSION OF THE ONE HUNDRED ELEVENTH CONGRESS

Mr. CARDIN. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Senate proceed to the immediate consideration of H. Con. Res. 223, the adjournment resolution, received from the House and at the desk.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The clerk will report the concurrent resolution by title.

The assistant legislative clerk read as follows:

A concurrent resolution (H. Con. Res. 223) providing for the sine die adjournment of the first session of the One Hundred Eleventh Congress.

There being no objection, the Senate proceeded to consider the concurrent resolution.

Mr. CARDIN. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the concurrent resolution be agreed to and the motion to reconsider be laid upon the table.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

The concurrent resolution (H. Con. Res. 223) was agreed to, as follows:

#### H. CON. RES. 223

*Resolved by the House of Representatives (the Senate concurring), That when the House ad-*

journs on any legislative day from Wednesday, December 16, 2009, through Saturday, January 2, 2010, on a motion offered pursuant to this concurrent resolution by its Majority Leader or his designee, it stand adjourned sine die, or until the time of any reassembly pursuant to section 3 of this concurrent resolution; and that when the Senate adjourns on any day from Friday, December 18, 2009, through Saturday, January 2, 2010, on a motion offered pursuant to this concurrent resolution by its Majority Leader or his designee, it stand adjourned sine die, or until the time of any reassembly pursuant to section 3 of this concurrent resolution.

SEC. 2. When the House adjourns on any legislative day of the second session of the One Hundred Eleventh Congress from Tuesday, January 5, 2010, through Saturday, January 9, 2010, on a motion offered pursuant to this concurrent resolution by its Majority Leader or his designee, it shall stand adjourned until noon on Tuesday, January 12, 2010, or until the time of any reassembly pursuant to section 3 of this concurrent resolution, whichever occurs first; and that when the Senate recesses or adjourns on any day of the second session of the One Hundred Eleventh Congress from Tuesday, January 5, 2010, through Saturday, January 9, 2010, on a motion offered pursuant to this concurrent resolution by its Majority Leader or his designee, it shall stand recessed or adjourned until noon on Tuesday, January 19, 2010, or until such other time on that day as may be specified by its Majority Leader or his designee in the motion to recess or adjourn, or until the time of any reassembly pursuant to section 3 of this concurrent resolution, whichever occurs first.

SEC. 3. The Speaker of the House and the Majority Leader of the Senate, or their respective designees, acting jointly after consultation with the Minority Leader of the House and the Minority Leader of the Senate, shall notify the Members of the House and the Senate, respectively, to reassemble at such place and time as they may designate if, in their opinion, the public interest shall warrant it.

#### ORDERS THROUGH JANUARY 20, 2010

Mr. CARDIN. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that when the Senate completes its business today, it adjourn sine die until noon on Tuesday, January 5, 2010, for a pro forma session only, with no business conducted, and under the provisions of H. Con. Res. 223; that following the pro forma session, the Senate adjourn until 11 a.m., Tuesday, January 19, 2010, for a pro forma session only, with no business conducted; further that the Senate adjourn until 10 a.m., Wednesday, January 20, 2010; that following the prayer and pledge, the Journal of proceedings be approved to date, the morning hour be deemed expired, the time for the two leaders be reserved for their use later in the day, and the Senate proceed to a period of morning business for 1 hour, equally divided between the two leaders or their designees, with Senators permitted to speak for up to 10 minutes each; that following morning business, the Senate proceed to executive session to consider the nomination of Beverly Baldwin Martin of Georgia to be a U.S. circuit judge for the Eleventh Circuit,